

TRADERS IN SECRETS

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Some of these Washingtonians are guardians of information that can make

fortunes or break hearts. Others mine for incriminating facts, digging up

what has long been buried. Still others we go to when our own secrets are

too much to bear alone. Photographs by Max Hirshfeld.

Richard Helms ■ Former Director of Central Intelligence

Helms joined the country's first intelligence agency, the Office of Strategic Services, during World War II, then moved to its successor agency, the CIA, becoming its director from 1966 to 1973: "The big problem was always the tension between the desire—and necessity—for secrecy in certain types of intelligence work and the desire of our press to get at those secrets. In our society, where secrecy tends to be frowned on, this has been quite a tussle. The Soviets didn't have this problem. The KGB was powerful enough that anything it wanted to keep secret was kept secret."

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